

PARISH COUNCIL SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT  
Sunday February 23, 1958  
Church Hall

This parish council serving from January 17, 1957 to February 23, 1958 held 25 regular and special meetings. During this period 81% of the parish council members were present at all these meetings.

The parish council sponsored the following activities and projects during the year.

- 1- Easter Hantes in the church hall.
- 2- Picnic at Bryan Park.
- 3- Food Stand at the Virginia State Fair with the very close co-operation and help of all the church committees. It was a financial and moral success.
- 4- Consecration Day Dinner.
- 5- St. James(Sourp Hagop) name day dinner.

The insurance on our chrch was reviewed and increased to correspond to the present value.

The adjacent property to the church was bought with the signing of the contract on 11-6-57. At present everything is in readiness as we **have on hand \$7889.99** and the balance of \$3000.00 which we have a committment from the State Planters Bank of Richmond, Va. Within a week or so the closing of the purchase of this property will go through.

During the past year the problem of upkeep of our church and social hall and the grounds became evident. Up to the present, we did the best to keep these clean and in order. This was done by the voluntary help of some of our church members and also by hiring part time help which resulted in keeping the expenses low. As we grow, the parish council may deem it necessary to have a permanent sexton or (jamgoch) in the future.

The parish council is aware there are many things regarding the church ritual that are normally the duties of the parish council to perform which are unfamiliar for the present. However now that we have a permanent Der Hayr these deficiencies are being overcome. We feel sure that in the near future we will be performing more of the things expected of us.

*Submitted by parish council recording secretary,  
Henry G. Magarian.*